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SUBJECT: ICATU LETTER TO ARAB LEADERS

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1. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE SEEN REFERENCED FBIS TICKER WHICH GAVE TEXT OF LETTER SENT BY INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ARAB TRADE UNIONS (ICATU) COUNCIL TO ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE. LETTER DISCUSSED USG'S EFFORTS "LIQUIDATE" ARAB STRUGGLE AND THEN DREW ATTENTION TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. GUMHURRIYA SEPTEMBER 7 PUBLISHED REUTER ITEM DATED DAMASCUS REPORTING EGYPTIAN DELEGATION RESERVED ITS POSITION ON THIS LETTER AND THAT SYG OF ICATU, WHO IS ALSO EGYPTIAN MINMANPOWER, ANNOUNCED EGYPT IS SUSPENDING ITS MEMBERSHIP IN ICATU.

2. GAMAL IMAM, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPT OF EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, TOLD EMBOFF ON SEPT 10 THAT TEXT OF ICATU LETTER HAD BEEN PUSHED THROUGH DAMASCUS ICATU ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE BY SYRIANS, IRAQIS, ARAB-NATIONALIST DOMINATED KUWAITI UNIONS, AND ALGERIA. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION HAD INDEED RESERVED ITS POSITION, BUT THERE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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CURRENTLY NO LIKELIHOOD OF EGYPTIAN SUSPENSION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP

IN ICATU OVER LETTER TO HEADS OF STATE. IMAM STATED THAT ANY
MOVE FOR EGYPTIAN SUSPENSION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP WOULD ENCOURAGE
OTHER ARAB STATES, PRIMARILY ALGERIA, WHICH HAS BEEN CLAMORING
FOR TRANSFER OF SOME ICATU SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO ARAB CAPITALS
OTHER THAN CAIRO. IN ADDITION, IMAM COMMENTED THAT, WITH
EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR GENERAL ELECTIONS COMING UP IN
OCTOBER 1975, CURRENT FEDERATION LEADERSHIP DOES NOT WANT TO
BURDEN FUTURE NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH HASTILY MADE DECISION
ON EGYPTIAN MEMBERSHIP IN ICATU.
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